

Applicants respectfully traverse the Restriction Requirement on the grounds that the Office has not shown that a burden exists in searching the entire application. Further, MPEP § 803 states as follows:

If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it, on its merits, even though it includes claims of distinct or independent inventions.

Applicants submit that the search of all claims will not constitute a serious burden on the Office.

For the reasons set forth above, Applicants contend that the Restriction Requirement is improper and request that it be withdrawn.

An action on the merits and allowance of the claims is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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